

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
MICHAEL ALLEN SEIGLER ET AL. : METHOD FOR MAKING A
: MAGNETORESISTIVE SENSOR
: :
Attorney Docket No. SEAG 48089 : :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

July 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Please enter the following Amendment prior to examination of the captioned application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel the second occurrence of Claim 3 and renumber it as new Claim 21 as follows:

21. A method for making a magnetic sensor for a disk drive read head according to claim 1, the method further comprising the steps of:

etching the etch stop layer prior to the step of depositing a top shield layer on the insulating material and the giant magnetoresistive stack.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

[3.]21. A method for making a magnetic sensor for a disk drive read head according to claim 1, the method further comprising the steps of:

etching the etch stop layer prior to the step of depositing a top shield layer on the insulating material and the giant magnetoresistive stack.